

HCS SCS SB 562 -- STATE UNIVERSITY PROPERTY TRANSFERS

SPONSOR: Dixon (Thomson)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "do pass - not consent" by the Committee on Rules.

Currently, only the Board of Governors of Missouri Western State University may transfer property, except in fee simple, without an authorizing act of the General Assembly. This substitute restores that ability to the board of governors of the other state universities and changes the expiration date of those provisions from August 28, 2014, to August 28, 2017.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is needed to allow state universities to continue to lease their property to businesses without waiting for the General Assembly to be in session to approve the lease. Frequently, the leased properties involve economic development collaboration on science and technology issues with the university.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Dixon; Missouri State University; Northwest Missouri State University; University of Central Missouri; and Trent Watson, Missouri Western State University.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.